

2024 FACTSHEET PERU



CONTEXT

The Republic of Peru was one of the original signatories in 1997 to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC) and one of the first signatories to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) in 2008. Peru is also a state party to the Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW) and its Amended Protocol II on landmines.

Mine contamination in Peru results from internal armed conflict and a border conflict with Ecuador in the 1990s. Peru's current deadline under Art. 5 of the APMBC for clearance of contaminated areas is 31 December 2024, but the country has requested a five-year extension of this deadline to allow for sufficient time to clear all remaining areas. The extension request describes **279,388 m² of suspected landmine-contaminated area** remaining to be released, estimated to contain **3,997 landmines**.

Peru is not known to be contaminated by cluster munitions, but did possess a significant stockpile of cluster munitions, which were successfully destroyed before the deadline of 1 April 2024.

Since 1997, Peru has suffered at least seven unplanned explosions at munitions sites, **killing at least 10 people and injuring hundreds of civilians**; four of these happened in the last three years in Peruvian ammunition storage areas. Surplus and hazardous ammunition poses a threat to civilian and military personnel and civilian infrastructure.

PROGRAMME

Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) has been active in Peru since 2012, when the governments of Chile and Peru requested NPA's support to demine the Quebrada de Escritos, an approximately 70,000 m² disputed border territory contaminated by more than 300 anti-tank and anti-personnel mines. Experienced NPA deminers and mine detection dogs surveyed and cleared the disputed territory, allowing the International Court of Justice to settle the territorial dispute.

In 2014, Peru requested NPA's assistance to destroy its stockpile of cluster munitions in compliance with the CCM obligations. Between 2014 and 2023, NPA provided technical assistance to the Peruvian Air Force to destroy all stockpiled cluster munitions in Peru. The last one was destroyed on 15 December 2023, allowing Peru to reach its goal and fulfil its obligations to the Art. 3 of the CCM.

In 2017, NPA opened a local office in Lima to continue supporting the Armed Services of Peru closely with the destruction of surplus conventional ammunition, for safe and secure weapons and ammunition management (WAM). In July 2024, NPA started a new project focused on capacity development for WAM in the Peruvian Armed Forces to prevent unplanned explosions at munitions sites and ultimately protecting civilians from harm. The project, aligned and framed into



the Peruvian Ministry of Defence's own strategic WAM plan launched in 2023, is the continuation and evolution of several years of cooperation between NPA and Peruvian authorities, and aims to ensure sustainability to an effective and efficient management of small arms, light weapons,

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munitions, and explosive ordnance in the Peruvian Armed Forces. NPA will continue to provide support for improved WAM and technical

Overall results

- In 2012, NPA humanitarian demining teams cleared 333 landmines, releasing an area of 70,000 m² at the Chile-Peru border, allowing for the demarcation of the border and settlement of territorial dispute
- 2017-2022 results include:
 - 410 US tons of obsolete ammunition destroyed
 - 20 Peru Air Force personnel trained on International Ammunition Technical Guidelines
 - 12 Peru Air Force Personnel trained on Explosive Ordnance Disposal level 1 and 2
 - 1162 Cluster Munitions containing 81,505 submunitions destroyed

2023 results

- 859 Cluster Munitions containing 74,086 submunitions destroyed, allowing Peru compliance with Article 3 CCM obligations
- 12 Peru military officials trained on Explosive Ordnance Disposal 3+

assistance for humanitarian demining in Peru.

DONORS and FUNDING

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